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Power Tariff Revision

KERC holds public hearing

Consumers say NO to hike

Mysuru, Feb.21 (RK&BCT)- Power consumers, cutting across various categories including domestic and industrial, have rejected the proposed power tariff appeal filed by the Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC).

At a public hearing organised by the Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission (KERC) at the Court Hall of the Deputy Commissioner's Office here this morning, consumers urged the KERC to dismiss the CESC appeal to hike the power tariff by Rs.1.13 per unit across all slabs for the financial year 2018-2019.

The hearing was conducted by KERC Chairman and senior IAS Officer M.K. Shankaralinge Gowda, assisted by members D.B. Manivel Raju and H.D. Arun Kumar. Every year, Electricity Supply Companies (ESComs) have to approach the KERC for a revision of tariff. Once the petitions are received from all ESComs, the KERC fixes the date for public hearings. Today, the hearing was held in Mysuru region.

KERC Chairman M.K. Shankaralinge Gowda** (centre), **who chaired the public hearing in city this morning, is flanked by KERC Members H.D. Arun Kumar** (left) **and D.B. Manivel Raju.

Following the hearing, the KERC will now hear other ESComs and send a proposal to the State Government with its recommendations. With Assembly elections round the corner, sources said that the Government may not implement the new tariff if the election dates fall in May as it might anger the voters. It will be up to the new Government to implement a hike.

As the hearing began, CESC Managing Director C. Kiran told the KERC that CESC was facing a deficit of Rs.265.68 crore and had a regulatory asset of Rs.517.98 crore. If the profits accrued during 2016-2017 (Rs.21.44 crore) was reduced from this, still there will be a revenue deficit of Rs.762.22 crore.

He said that Rs.1.13 per unit across all slabs will help CESC to overcome the losses and streamline distribution network. He claimed that CESC had provided electricity connections to all villages under its jurisdiction including tribal hamlets and added, "99 percent of works have been completed and we will achieve 100 percent electrification in another 6 months."

(See KERC on page 9)

Jungle Lodges and Resorts all set to take over Lalitha Mahal Palace Hotel by Mar.31

Mysuru, Feb.21 (NNN)- The iconic Lalitha Mahal Palace Hotel, hitherto run by the India Tourism Development Corporation (ITDC), is all set to be handed over to the Jungle Lodges and Resorts, a unit of the Karnataka State Tourism Development Corporation (KSTDC) before Mar.31 this year. This decision had been taken as per the disinvestment policy of the Government of India last year.

"The hotel is most likely to be transferred by Mar.31, once the transactional agreement that is pending is signed. The State Government has to pay nearly Rs.7.45 crore to ITDC and then the Jungle Lodges and Resorts will take over," said a source in the Tourism Department.

Asked whether Jungle Lodges and Resorts will be able to run it more efficiently, the source said that since they have been running for instance the Kabini property quite well and since they are better equipped than Mayura Group of Hotels run by KSTDC, they would run it efficiently.

In all, there are 18 permanent employees and as most of them are in the fifties age group, majority of them would opt for Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS), said General Manager of Lalitha Mahal Palace Hotel, Joseph Mathias, speaking to *SOM*.

He said that the lease period of ITDC with the State Government was actually expiring only in 2023. However, due to disinvestment policy the process has been hastened.

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To Our Readers

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STAR PUNCH

By Satish Acharya

STAR OF MYSORE

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Mysuru, Wednesday 21st February 2018

Optimistic outlook

Come elections to the country's Parliament and Legislative Assemblies of States, the dominant speakers of its major political parties get into top gear exposing the frailties of each other, thus presenting on a platter to the electorate in particular and the world's observers in general an unmistakable *script* on the dark sides to the life of players seeking votes and more importantly the country's slide from its past glory to a grim future. Given the major presence of *people* on the wrong side of 50 years in the saddle, framing policies and vested with the onerous task of administration at the receiving end of more brickbats than bouquets from the land's public at large, one is prompted to ponder over a number of inferences. First and foremost, the track record of these vote-seeking fraternity raises the question of the kind of education they had, pushing their teachers into the region of ignominy, although undeservedly.

Expressed in quantitative terms, the tasks of ensuring welfare of the country's people, marshalling the required resources and the problems being encountered in the process call for astute analysis. The present generation of youth, with nearly 25 per cent share in the country's population, being the nation's hard core of human resources deserve a change of outlook to transform them into a productive economic force instead of seeing them in bad light.

The infrastructure needs of different sectors of the country's economy, particularly health and education as well as agriculture and industry are being focussed upon in the current dispensation by both the Union Government and many State governments. The nation's youth, having spent their years of schooling, are seen only as job-seekers in mind-boggling numbers. Some avenues of correcting this outlook are being suggested in official domain, namely *a)* training the educated youth in specific skills to make them job-givers and *b)* reducing the gender gap which is skewed against females nationally. The proposed measures are laudable for the success of which the outlook towards the youth has to change from pessimistic to optimistic.

The saying *'charity begins at home'* translates to *'change in outlook to youth begins in the family.'* The government of the day has to be supportive of the task of transforming the potential of the land's youth to realising that potential. Their positive response mirrors optimism.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

The government is reportedly pumping in a whopping amount of money, going into many thousands of crores, to recapitalise State-run banks which have become 'stressed' because of Non-Performing Assets, or NPAs. The reason that I became an NPA was that nine years ago I tried to close my account with a particular bank. So I sent a letter addressed to the bank manager telling him that I'd like to close the account. There was no reply to my letter, so I sent another letter. Still no reply. So I phoned the bank, and was told that to close my account I had to come to the bank in person, a highly inconvenient exercise as the bank is miles from where I live. So I withdrew all the money from my account, leaving behind some odd paise or so. And I thought that was that. But it wasn't, far from it. Nine years later, I still get messages from my bank regarding what should long have been a non-existing account.

When you think of the cost of maintaining that account – all those employees, all those ledger and/ or computer entries devoted to it – you wonder why the bank won't simply consider the account closed. The reason is that it looks bad on the bank's report card to the sarkar if accounts get closed. So many banks keep hundreds and thousands, maybe millions, of loss-making accounts going, at ruinous costs to themselves. Defaulters are the main cause of banks' NPAs. But banks themselves can often be their own NPAs: Non-performing Asses. — *Jug Suraiya in The Times of India.*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Gothic cathedral sets on fire !

Moscow: Every year, the Nikola-Lenivets art park, near Moscow, Russia, burns a wooden structure to celebrate Maslevitsa, the oldest surviving Slavic holiday. This year, founder Nikolay Polissky burned the largest structure, a 30-meter-high Gothic cathedral made of wooden branches.

On Feb.17, art lovers gathered at the Nikola-Lenivets art park witnessed one of the largest bonfires in recent history – a wooden cathedral built for the sole purpose of being raised to the ground. A team of around 20 workers had laboured for three months under the guidance of famous Russian artist Nikolay Polissky, assembling the dry tree branches into the impressive 30-meter Gothic edifice. The fact that it was done to celebrate Maslevitsa, a pagan Slavic holiday, only added insult to injury. Some clerics in the Russian Orthodox Church asked that the event be investigated as an anti-Christian incitement, and one TV personality tweeted that Polissky and his team should have stuck with a connotation-free effigy.

Sensational blue soup

Tokyo: Kipposhi, a restaurant in Tokyo, Japan, has seen its popularity skyrocket recently, after photos of its bright blue ramen soup started going viral on social media platforms like *Instagram.* Blue soup doesn't really sound like the most appetising dish, but that hasn't stopped people from flocking to Kipposhi, a ramen restaurant located in the heart of Tokyo, to give its famous Clear Chicken Soup 'Blue' a try, or at least take a photo of it to post on social media. Matcha Magazine reports that the now-famous blue soup was inspired by the beautiful Hawaiian Sea. Recreating the beauty of the clear blue ocean in a soup bowl, however, was a more daunting task than people imagine. Like most other ramen masters, Kozuimi uses a rich chicken broth for his soup, but relies on an old Chinese method to make a clear soup. Called Chintan, this technique involves boiling the broth with minced meat which absorbs the particles which would otherwise render the soup cloudy. This way, he ends up with a clear blue liquid reminiscent of the ocean water that inspired it.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

What natural things can I do to avoid macular degeneration?

FOODS TO EAT: SQUASH, CARROTS, SWEET POTATOES PEPPERS, BERRIES, CITRU FRUITS, SPINACH, KALE, COLLARDS, BLUEBERRIES
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Annual Day and awards ceremony at Schevaran

K. B. Ganapathy, Editorial Advisor, Star of Mysore, is seen lighting the lamp during the inauguration of the Annual Day celebration of Schevaran Innovation Centre in city recently as Dr. T.N. Bhavanishankar, Sam Cherian, Dr. C.G. Betsurmath and Dr. V. Prakash look on.

Mysuru, Feb. 21 - City's Schevaran Laboratories Private Limited, manufacturers of environment-friendly cleaning solutions since many years, celebrated the annual day of Schevaran Innovation Centre (SIC) at its premises in Hebbal industrial area recently.

On the occasion, K. B. Ganapathy, Editorial Advisor, *Star of Mysore*, who was the chief guest, felicitated Dr. C. G. Betsurmath, Executive Secretary, JSS Mahavidyapeetha and former MCC Commissioner, with Schevaran Societal Outreach Award in the area of public hygiene and for getting the Cleanest City Award to Mysuru twice. Sam Cherian, Founder and MD of Schevaran Laboratories Pvt. Ltd. and Dr. T. N. Bhavanishankar, Director, Schevaran Innovation Centre (SIC) were present.

The awards function to coincide with the annual day was held at Hotel Country Inn & Suites, Hebbal. Benjamin Alexander, Director (Sales), Schevaran, welcomed. Dr. T. N. Bhavanishankar announced the institution of Schevaran Societal Outreach Award, Schevaran Scientific Excellence Award and Schevaran Executive Housekeeper of the Year Award on the occasion.

Dr. V. Prakash, Chairman, Advisory Board of SIC and former Director of CFTRI presided.

Really...?

- ***Earlier known as Moksha Patamu, the game was initially invented as a moral lesson about karma to be taught to children. It was later commercialised and has become one of the most popular board games in the world.***
- ***The 1916 Traub motorcycle was discovered hidden within the walls of a Chicago apartment in 1968. Only one such motorcycle exists in the world. Even though it remained hidden for more than 50 years, surprisingly, it was still in running condition.***
- ***Cinderella's evil stepsisters have their eyes pecked out by birds.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Teacher: *Paul, tell me frankly do you say prayers before eating ?*
Paul: *No sir, I don't have to, my mother is good cook !*

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1 UK Pound	Rs. 90.68
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 17.65
1 Euro	= Rs.79.96

VOICE OF THE READER

Plea to MUDA for refund of deposit

Sir,

I am one of the several thousand unsuccessful aspirants of a site from MUDA in the recently and successfully concluded site allotment in Lalithadrinagar Layout.

As per the schedule of activities, it was announced that the deposit amount of the unsuccessful applicants will be refunded soon after the final list of allottees is published. It is now more than two weeks since the list of allottees is made public. Many of us, especially senior citizens like me, require this deposit amount lying with MUDA since August 2017, for medical/monthly expenses to be met.

I humbly request the MUDA Chairman, on behalf of the depositor public, to immediately refund the amount to all those who were unsuccessful? I appreciate the constant efforts being made by MUDA to revive the site formation and allotment activity which was totally dormant for the last decade.

—Prof. B.S.Shankara (Retd.)
R.K. Nagar
17.2.2018

Use indicators

Sir,

Many a times accidents are caused owing to the lethargic and careless attitude of the riders. Though every vehicle is provided with side indicators, many motorists seldom use this, inviting avoidable accidents.

There are some two-wheeler riders who will turn their neck intermittently before taking a turn. Drivers behind such riders should guess about the impending turn they plan to take.

Then there are some riders who will suddenly decide to take a turn unmindful of the vehicles in front of them or following them and they take a turn without switching on the indicators. All these actions invite accidents.

Usage of indicators should come to mind automatically. Indicators should be switched on at least ten meters before the planned turn. This will give enough caution to vehicles behind and the riders can take the turn safely. Parents should strictly instruct their wards to use the indicators.

— K. Chandrahas
KRS Road
15.2.2018

KRS Water Level

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VVIET signs MoU with IPCA

To promote international collaboration in the field of Education and Academic Research

Mysuru, Feb. 21- Vidya Vikas Institute of Engineering & Technology (VVIET), Mysuru and Indian Printed Circuit Board Association (IPCA), signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Feb.19 to promote international collaboration in the field of Education and Academic Research on the occasion of one-day National Seminar on "Emerging Trends in PCB Design, Manufacturing and Assembly Technology" conducted by VVIET in association with ESSCI and IPCA.

VVIET and IPCA have consented to play an effective role in uplifting the technology sector through skill enhancement of the Technical and Engineering students and Faculty members through class room and industry specific practical training.

M. Thyagarajan, IPCA - Treasurer & CEO, Nuline Technologies, who was the chief guest, emphasised the increasing demand for electronic products and said it is estimated that by 2020 the demand for electronic products will be more than 300 billion dollars. Stressing on the importance of collaboration of industries with the colleges he explained the role of Electronic Sector Skills Council of India [ESSCI] and IPCA in skill development and emerging trends in PCB manufacturing.

Kaveesh V. Gowda, Secretary, VVET, presided. Amulya Mohapatra, Member-Technical-IPCA, Dr. Devaraj Singh, General Manager-Technical ESSCI, Delhi, O.J. Sathish, CEO, Sienna ECAD, Dr. M. Ravishankar, Principal, VVIET, Dr. Bindhu A. Thomas, Head, Department of ECE, were present.

Selection trials on Feb. 25

Mysuru, Feb. 21- The selection trials for National Athletics meet for differently-abled to take place at Panchakula in Haryana, will be held at Chamundi Vihar Stadium in city on Feb. 25.

Differently-abled sports persons, who have taken part in any sports meet at the District, State or National-level earlier only will be allowed to take part in this trials, which is being held under the aegis of Karnataka Sports Association for Physically Handicapped. For registration, contact Mob: 98860-14851.

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STAN LEE
LARRY LIEBER
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NEWS BRIEFS

Power disruption

Owing to emergency maintenance works, power supply will be disrupted in the following areas tomorrow (Feb.22) between 10 am and 5 pm: Siddique Nagar, Sri Shivarathreeshwaranagar, Columbia Asia Hospital, Hanumanthanagar, HUDCO 'C' Layout, KSRTC Layout, Industrial 'B' Layout, Highway Circle, 'Star of Mysore' surrounding areas, Farah Compound and Kaveri Nagar, Nanjumalige Circle, Lakshmipuram, Vidyaranyapuram, Narayana Shastri Road, Kakravadi, Nalabeedi, Hosakeri, Agrahara, Thyagaraja Road, Industrial Suburb, Vishweshwaranagar, Krishnamurthypuram, Nachanahalli Palya, Gundurao Nagar, Kanakagiri, Ashokapuram, Saraswathipuram, Railway Workshop, Mahadevapura, Ramabainagar, Srirampura, Jayanagar, K.G. Koppal, Shivapura, Devalapura hobli, Adichunchanagiri Road and J.P. Nagar surroundings.

Birth anniversary

Ursu Chintakara Chavadi, Chamarajapuram, will be celebrating the 155th birth anniversary of Sri Chamaraja Wadiyar on Feb.22 at 10.30 am by garlanding the statue of Sri Chamaraja Wadiyar located at Palace North Gate. For details, contact Ph: 0821- 4288686 or Mob: 94484-69686, according to a press release from the Chavadi.

Coaching for PSI examination

Krishik Sarvodaya Foundation, located on Gen. K.S. Thimmaiah Road, will be conducting coaching classes for the written exam and physical fitness test for recruitment of Police Sub-Inspectors (PSI), at its premises starting from Feb.26. For details and registration, contact Ph: 0821-2301564 or Mob: 96116-05678 or 99457-52592.

Liver Cancer screening

As part of World Cancer Day, JSS Ayurveda Hospital, Lalithadripura Road, has organised a special health camp for the liver cancer patients' on Feb.23 (Friday) between 9 am and 4 pm. Dr. Manoj Kumar, specialist in the management of liver cancer, will be available for the consultation. Interested should register before Feb.22 with Dr. Veena G. Rao on Mob: 98445-49152 or Ph: 0821-2548231/433 and must bring previous medical reports with them.

Bone & Joints camp

JSS Hospital, M.G. Road, has organised a week-long bone and joints screening camp at its Orthopaedic OPD unit located in the first floor of the Hospital from Feb.21 to 28. The camp is open between 9 am and 5 pm on all the days. For details, contact Mob: 91486-54164, according to a press release.

6-lane Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway gets Centre's nod

New Delhi, Feb.21 (BCT)- The Centre yesterday approved a Rs.2,920-crore project for widening a section of National Highway-275 connecting Bengaluru and Mysuru.

"The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi, gave its approval for six-laning of Nidagatta-Mysuru Section of NH-275 from km 74.2 to km 135.3 on Hybrid Annuity Mode in Karnataka," Ministry of Road Transport and Highways said in a statement.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will lay the foundation stone for the project next month, Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari said. The project, once completed, is expected to cut travel time between Bengaluru and Mysuru to 90 minutes.

The six-laning of about 61 km is estimated to cost approximately Rs. 2,919.81 crore including the cost of land acquisition and pre-construction activities. The civil construction cost is about Rs. 2,028.93 crore.

The statement said the project would also provide employment opportunities to locals during project construction. "With the widening and improvement of the highway, the areas would experience greater economic growth resulting in higher employment opportunities for locals. An employment potential of approximately 2,48,000 'man days' will be generated locally during the construction period of the stretch," it said.

The section connects Bengaluru and Mysuru and also links important places like Mangaluru, Kodagu, parts of Kerala, etc. to Bengaluru.

The existing four-lane road, passing through congested and thickly populated towns and settlements like Maddur, Mandya and Srirangapatna, etc. has already crossed its capacity, resulting in traffic jams and accidents, the statement said.

Centre to invest Rs.1.5 lakh crore in Karnataka: Gadkari

Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari said that the 6-lane project was delayed owing to several complications.

"There were several issues, including land acquisition problems. The project was with the State Government and then transferred to the Centre. I will take it to the Cabinet for approval soon. We have received bids and they are under evaluation," the Minister said.

The tender process was deferred after every deadline as land acquisition for the project did not reach the necessary threshold to merit Cabinet clearance. Gadkari also said the Centre will invest Rs.1,44,922 crore in the State in the next two years with Rs.85,000 crore earmarked for 41 works under the Bharatmala Project.

TRAVEL COSTS TO BE CUT

The upgradation to 6-lane along with service roads on each side and construction of bypasses at Maddur, Mandya and Srirangapatna and grade-separated structures of this stretch of the National Highway will greatly reduce the time and cost of travel, particularly of heavy traffic plying in the region.

It may be mentioned here in December last year, the government (Public Works Department) had announced that the widening work will start in January 2018.

Mysuru District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa had met Gadkari in New Delhi in December 2017 and had sought in-principle approval for the project. Gadkari had then approved the project and had also assured speedy allocation of funds for the project, especially towards compensation against land acquired.

TWO-PHASE WORK

According to PWD officials, the work will be executed in two phases — Bengaluru-Nidagatta (56.2 km) and Nidagatta-Mysuru (64.14 km). There will be 50:50 cost-sharing formula between Centre and State for the project.

Officials had said that the six-lane road with two service lanes will have multiple toll collection booths. While the six-lane road would be a toll road, the service roads along the highway will not have any toll, they had said.

Toll booths will be set up at Bidadi, Ramanagaram, Channapatna, Maddur, Mandya and Srirangapatna. Users will have to pay only for the distance travelled rather than paying for the entire stretch.

MODI MAKES ANNOUNCEMENT

It may be recalled here that while commissioning the electrification of the Railway line between Mysuru and Krantiveera Sangolli Rayanna (KSR) Railway Station in Bengaluru on Feb.19, Prime Minster Narendra Modi also announced that a six-lane National Highway will be built between Mysuru and Bengaluru.

"This project is worth more than Rs.6,000 crore and once implemented, the double track electrification, Satellite Station at Nagenahalli and the National Highway will revolutionise travel between the two cities," he had said.

MP LAUDS PM

Reacting to the approval for the project provided by Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), chaired by PM Modi, Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha said that the project has been speedily cleared by the Centre. "PM Modi made an announcement on Monday (Feb.19) and the CCEA approved the project in just one day," he said.

Elderly woman's chain snatched in city

Mysuru, Feb.21 (PM&KS)- Bike-borne chain-snatchers have managed to snatch a gold chain of a 65-year-old woman, who was returning from Bank in Saraswathipuram here yesterday.

The woman identified as Prema, a resident of Saraswathipuram, who had gone to Syndicate Bank on the 5th Cross in Saraswathipuram, was on her way back home yesterday afternoon, when bike-borne miscreants, came from behind, snatched her 65 grams gold chain and fled from the spot.

A case has been registered at Saraswathipuram Police Station in this regard.

Rider killed as car rams into bike

Raghu

Periyapatna, Feb.21 (Ramesh &KS)- A bike rider was killed on the spot when the bike he was riding collided head-on with a car near Sri Mahadeshwara Temple on Gonikoppal Road here yesterday.

The deceased has been identified as Raghu (40), a native of Neralekuppe village in the taluk.

Raghu was proceeding on his bike to Habatoor to a relative's place when Dinesh, the owner-cum-driver of an unregistered Toyota Fortuner SUV, lost control of the vehicle and rammed head-on into the bike, killing Raghu on the spot.

Dinesh, who is said to be a contractor and a native of Kushalnagar, has surrendered to the Police.

Periyapatna Circle Inspector H.N. Siddaiah, who has registered a case, is investigating and Raghu has been released on bail.

When the going gets tough, the tough get going...

City Police Comr. takes on successfully the challenge of PM Modi's short-notice visit to Mysuru

Mysuru, Feb. 21 (RK&BCT)- Lakhs of people have heard Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the Maharaja's College Grounds on Feb. 19 where he addressed a public rally in a poll-bound State and thousands would have read or watched in the print and visual media about Modi flagging off the 'Palace Queen Hamsafar Express' connecting Mysuru and Udaipur and the commissioning of the rail electrification project between Mysuru and Bengaluru. What many people do not know is that the entire Police and the Administrative machinery worked behind the scenes to ensure that the PM is well-protected and his public functions in Mysuru are incident-free.

Arrangements started as soon as it was communicated to the District Authorities that Modi will arrive in city on the night of Feb. 18 and has a packed schedule till the evening of Feb. 19. Amidst his tight schedule, Modi was also scheduled to visit Jain pilgrimage centre of Shravanabelagola to participate in the 88th Mahamastakabhisheka.

Considering the threat to Modi's life from internal and external terror forces, he always moves with a thick 'Z Plus' security blanket around him. While the Special Protection Group (SPG) form the core security group, Commandos from the National Security Group (NSG) form the outer layer. The local Police (wherever the PM visits) form the boundary-line security.

In fact, the point-to-point detailed security planned and executed by the Mysuru Police, City Police, the SPG and the NSG has come in for widespread

City Police Chief Dr. A. S. Rao reveals how the administrative machinery ensured Modi's road trips and security during the VVIP's two-day visit.

praises as the PM's visit went on smoothly. From the time the PM's special plane landed at the Mysore Airport in Mandakalli till his departure, the district machinery was on its toes to ensure order and security. The challenge now is that the PM might make a couple of trips again to Mysuru as Karnataka is headed for elections in a couple of months.

Road trips, a challenge

Speaking about the behind-the-scene security activities, City Police Commissioner **Dr. A. Subrahmanyeswara Rao** told *Star of Mysore* that guarding and managing PM's cavalcade as it moved from one place to another in the Central Business District was a tough challenge.

"The PM's road trips along with his high-security vehicles — from Mysore Airport to Hotel Radisson Blu on M.G. Road where he stayed on Feb. 18 to Lalitha Mahal Helipad on Feb. 19 when his chopper flew to Shravanabelagola, from Maharaja's Cricket Grounds to City Railway Station and from there to Maharaja's College Grounds — were extremely challenging," he said.

"Fortunately, the PM's SPG decided that his chopper will land at Mysore Airport after the public rally at Maharaja's College Grounds. It would have been tough for us if the SPG had decided that the PM's convoy will reach the Airport by road," Dr. Rao added.

Uncertainties till last minute

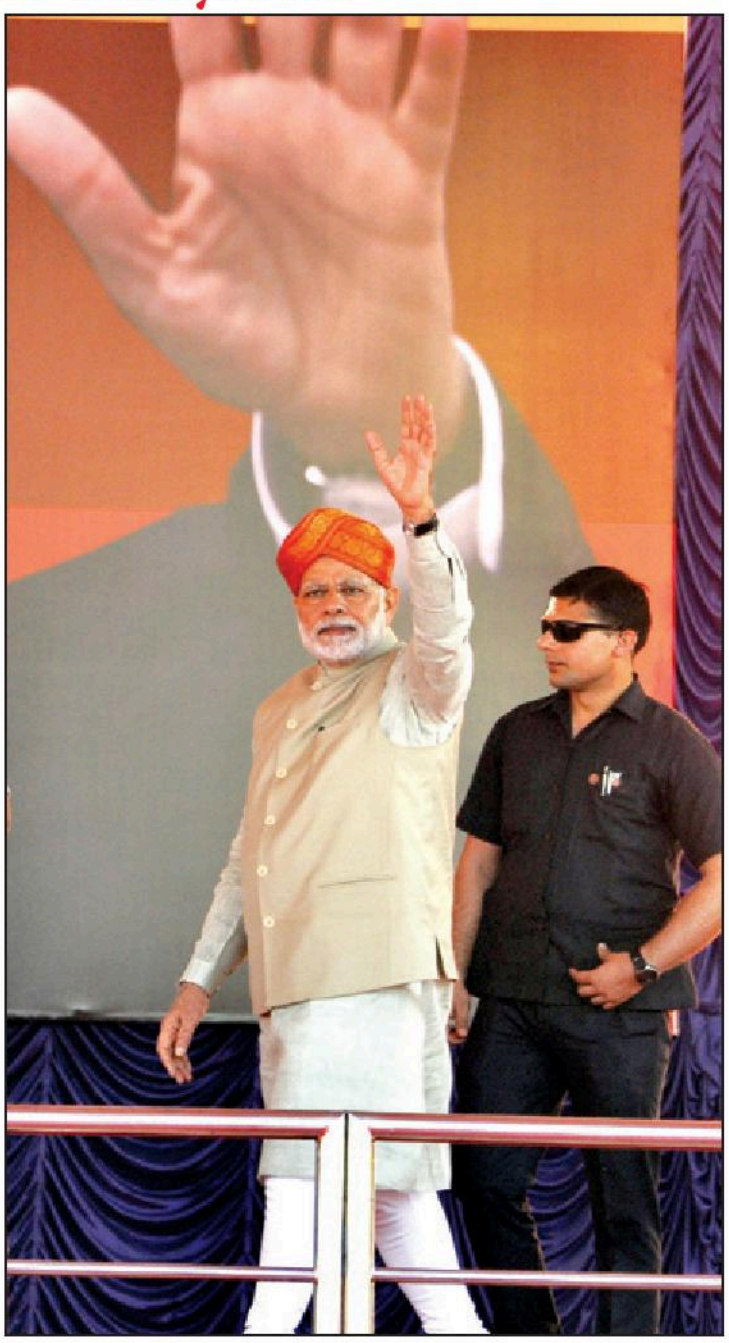
Mysuru's roads and footpaths are wide enough and thankfully there was no untoward incident and the people cooperated too. "There were many uncertainties in the PM's programme schedule and the entire time management was taken over by the SPG.

The issue of his stay — Radisson Blu and Infosys Campus as Hotel Lalitha Mahal Palace was fully booked for a wedding ceremony in advance — was also confusing as there were no details till the last moment. We had to arrange for security at two places," the city top cop said.

More than 3,000 Policemen were deployed exclusively for PM's security including Mysuru Superintendent of Police (SP) and four SP-ranking officials, 12 ACP-ranked officials and over 1,000 Policemen drawn from other districts, he added.

Safe Houses

"Though the PM stayed at Radisson Blu, based on the directives from the SPG, we had set up 'Safe Houses' at Vice-Chancellor's Office at Crawford Hall, Administrative Training Institute Director's Office and Divisional Railway Manager's Office. We had also set up communication networks and hotline facilities from these Safe Houses," he said.



First time experience

Mentioning that it was for the first time he managed PM's security, Dr. Rao said that when he was a probationary IPS officer at Belagavi, he had seen the way how the then Belagavi SP Sunil Agarwal (he was the Mysuru City Police Commissioner too) had managed the security of the then Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee. He added that he would give a certificate of appreciation to all the Police officers and Policemen who have participated in PM's security operations.

The M.G. Road leading to Radisson Blu Hotel, seen at right, blocked for PM's convoy to pass through smoothly during the VVIP's two-day stay in city. Picture right shows City Police Commissioner Dr. A. Subrahmanyeswara Rao supervising security arrangements at Maharaja's College Grounds.

In this week's Pet Talk, Maneka talks about cats' adoption and its behaviour

Pet Talk

Maneka Gandhi

Should you feed milk to stray cats?

The traditional image of a cat licking from a bowl of milk is a misleading one. While some cats may like it for its taste, many do not find it easy to digest cow's milk and can have diarrhoea and/or vomiting from drinking cows' milk. So, if the cat is doing well after drinking milk, it is probably okay. However, if it is an outdoor stray, he could benefit more from some good quality cat food that has the vitamins and nutrients that he really needs.

Why does my cat 'chirp' when it sees a bird?

Generally, cat chirping occurs when a cat is interested in, or provoked by, prey — a bird, a squirrel or even a laser dot. It's more of an excited sound and less of a sound used to hunt. It seems to be universal to cats of all ages and breeds. It is possible that the chattering noises are due to excitement, that your cat might feel, at seeing the prey nearby and it can't help but make some special vocalizations. Some research indicates that cats chirp as they try to imitate bird calls to make them come closer.

Why does my cat go crazy running around at night?

Because cats are nocturnal by nature, this is when they are most active. Cats spend a lot of time lying around during the daytime, but they do have energy to burn just like any other animal, and the racing around could be a way of burning that off. While younger cats obviously have more energy to burn, even older cats have been known to race around once in a while. Engaging your cat in a heavy play session at night, to exhaust your cat, could help it sleep throughout the night.

Running around could also be because your cat is hungry and wants your attention. Feeding your cat late in the night, before going to bed, can help you keep to the biological schedule of your pet.

Thirdly, it could also be because of an infestation or health challenge. If your cat's midnight running around includes meows, it could be a result of a bite from a flea. This, consequently, can result in serious itching that may feel uncomfortable to your cat.

Running around in the middle of the night can also be a result of a skin disorder that worsens in the night and Feline Hyperesthesia Syndrome (FHS) is a well-known cause of this cat reaction.

This disorder results in an increase in general activity and makes the cat display some aggressive behaviours like attacking its own tail, self-grooming and self-directed pouncing, vocalization, or pupil dilation for some minutes. Hyperthyroidism in cats, which results from an increase in the production of thyroid hormones, is also known to cause hyperactivity.

Why is adopting two kittens/cats better than one?

It is often suggested to adopt two kittens, whether it is your first time adoption or an addition to your feline family. Here are few reasons why adopting a pair is better than one:

Fewer behaviour issues with two: Cats that have a playmate tend to be more socially well-adjusted and are less likely of being shy, frightened in the company of people they don't know.

One kitten can become lonely: A kitten which is left alone can easily be bored and become mischievous. Two cats keep each other company and are likely to be calmer during your absence.

The two cats will wear each other out at night and not keep you up at night pestering you for attention.

The workload to care for two cats remains the same.

As the cats grow older, chances of them gaining weight due to lack of movement is lesser when they have a companion to play with.

What is the 'wet dog smell'? How can I prevent it?

Some breeds of dogs have more oils in their coats than other breeds. The oil is called Sebum and it collects on the hair shaft and follicles to protect a dog's skin from dehydration. When the dog gets wet, the oil and the water together create a bacteria which causes the unpleasant odour.

This smell can be prevented by proper drying your dog after bath. Towelling off the dog isn't enough, the heat and force from a blow dryer penetrates the densest of coats and is a start to getting to the root of the problem. Buy good quality dog shampoos which are specifically designed to get deep into the fur, and root out those microorganisms and their by-products.

When can you take your puppy out for walks?

Vets recommend to wait until one to two weeks after your puppy's last vaccination booster — usually at around 14–16 weeks of age. This precaution needs to be taken because the puppy's immune system is still developing and they are vulnerable to contracting dangerous illnesses. It's important to keep them inside until they completely vaccinated.

Hoofing in the wild...

This Indian Gaur walking past the Ooty Road in Bandipur National Park unperturbed was captured by *SOM* photographer M.N. Lakshminarayana Yadav yesterday.

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Shravanabelagola pilgrims provided food and shelter at Jain Boarding Home in city

A section of pilgrims in front of Jain Boarding Home in city.

Jain devotees having meals at the Home in Halladakeri.

Cooks preparing rotis at Jain Boarding Home.

Mysuru, Feb. 21 (RK&KS) - Due to shortage of accommodation in Shravanabelagola for the pilgrims coming from across the country to witness the Mahamastakabhisheka of Lord Bahubali, food and shelter is being provided to the devotees by various Jain organisations in city.

Nirmal Chand Jain and his sons and various Jain organisations including Jain Women's Wing and Women's Self Help Groups have made arrangements to provide food and shelter at Sri M.L. Vardhamanaiah Jain Boarding Home in Halladakeri here and also at Nanjaraja Bahadur Choultry on Vinoba Road in city till Mar. 5.

Jain style food including fruits is being provided to the pilgrims. It is learnt that about 2,000 pilgrims are being accommodated at these two places daily.

For more details, devotees can contact Mob: 94818-21630.

Intl. Meet on endangered languages begins

Prof.Peter Austin, SOAS University of London, speaking at the sixth international three-day conference on Endangered and Lesser Known Languages organised by the Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL) on the occasion of International Mother Language Day, in the city this morning. Others seen are (from left) CIIL Deputy Director, Prof. Umarani Pappuswamy, former professor JNU, Prof. Anvita Abbi, CIIL Director Prof. D.G. Rao, former Professor, Osmania University, Hyderabad, Prof. B.Ramakrishna Reddy and Conference Coordinator Sujoy Sarkar.

Mysuru, Feb.21 (PM&NNN)- The country has nearly 7,000 languages and half of it is in the endangered list. It cannot be preserved by just holding seminars and conferences. Instead serious efforts should be politically, socially and economically maid to ensure that communities involved in speaking these endangered and lesser known languages are encouraged to speak, said Prof. Peter Austin, SOAS University of London.

He was speaking at the sixth International three-day Conference on Endangered and Lesser Known Languages organised by the Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL) on the occasion of International Mother Language Day at the Conference Hall, here this morning.

Lot of importance has been given to English and Hindi in this country and as a result the regional languages are taking a back seat. Hence, everyone should be encouraged to learn and speak in their mother tongues. "Only when regional languages are promoted can the language grow and since they are also the mother tongues of the region, it will help in the growth of the language," he said.

Prof. Anvita Abbi, former Professor, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), Delhi said that in a neighbouring country like Bangladesh, regional languages are given a lot of importance and hence there is something to learn from them.

"If you do not respect your mother tongue, then you cannot protect it and it will soon become an endangered language. Hence, the medium of instruction in schools and colleges must be in mother tongue and only then quality education is possible," she said.

Prof.D.G. Rao, Director, CIIL, in his presidential said that the Institute has documents of more than 60 languages preserved. It is also conducting lots of training programmes in this regard.

Mysore Varsity land row

DC Randeep submits original documents to Apex Court

Deputy Commissioner D. Randeep seen with (from left) Mysore University Registrar D. Bharathi, Tahsildar T. Ramesh Babu and case worker Bopanna in front of the Supreme Court, New Delhi, yesterday.

Mysuru, Feb.21 (RK&KS)- Deputy Commissioner (DC) D. Randeep, who was in Delhi yesterday, has submitted the original documents pertaining to the 23 acre of University of Mysore land at the foot of Chamundi Hill here to the Supreme Court.

The DC was accompanied by Mysore University Registrar D. Bharathi, Tahsildar T. Ramesh Babu and case worker at the Tahsildar's office Bopanna.

A Bench of Justices N.V. Ramana and S. Abdul Nazeer allowed a plea moved by Additional Advocate General Devdutt Kamat on behalf of Dr. E.V. Ramareddy, Principal Secretary of the Revenue Department, seeking exemption from his personal appearance.

In his application, Reddy stated, "In view of the ongoing Budget Session of the State Legislature, the Principal Secretary is unable to present himself before the Court. However, other officers — D. Randeep, DC, Mysuru and Tahsildar T. Ramesh Babu — were directed to be present in the Court along with the original records."

While Additional Advocate General Devdutt Kamat appeared for the Government, Advocates Chandrashekar and Gurukrishna appeared for the University. The Court, after the officials submitted the original documents, went ahead and has reserved the judgement.

Abracadabra... Abracadabra...

By K.B. Ganapathy

Musings on 40 years of STAR of MYSORE

The hiccups and high points

It all started with the eternal question of '*To be or not to be*' raised by the Shakespearean Hamlet, the Prince of Denmark. To celebrate 40th anniversary of *Star of Mysore* or not. That was the question. The doubt arose because some one thought after the Silver Jubilee celebrations on Feb.16, 2003, it is Golden Jubilee in 2028. Let us wait for another 10 years.

If winter comes, can spring be far behind? Likewise, if we are entering 41st year of publication, can 50th year be far behind? But then the old war horse, yours truly, is eager to hang up the spurs, retire to its stable allowing the young stallions to take to the course and run towards the 50th year !

Now, forget the old horse is really old. With many well-healed wounds, it is raring to go towards the Golden Jubilee along with the youngsters. I still feel, my life's work is not quite done. Nor do I feel I have won the race. Of course, I always believed that life's race is not for winning but to keep running till the end chasing a goal-post that keeps shifting or moving farther and farther.

Many asked me why the function was held on 17th, one day after the actual day of anniversary, that is, 16th February. Yes, we need to explain. We had not thought of celebrating the 40th anniversary, but had thought of reviving a tradition of 25 years which was abandoned since 15 years — annual staff dinner, a gala evening of spirits, food, music and dance. Then it happened that Devdutt Pattanaik, you know who, agreed to deliver the anniversary lecture with pleasure. That was an excuse and we decided on both the anniversary and staff dinner.

With only a month at our disposal we rushed to book Kalamandira. No. It was already booked. Luckily, Platinum Jubilee Hall on J.K. Grounds was available and booked it post-haste. Now what about our chief guest? Of course, it must be Suttur Mutt Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji. It was he who had presided over the Silver Jubilee in 2003. However, we wanted him for reasons of redeeming a promise and aspiration made on that occasion by me from the stage that Sri Swamiji should grace our function and bless us on the 40th or 50th anniversary.

At that time, listening to my aspiration, Swamiji in his concluding address of benediction responded to my aspiration by narrating an incident from the Mahabharata which I remembered on this occasion. It was like a premonition by the Swamiji that he might not be able to meet my aspiration. And it was so. When my son and I went to meet him to invite for this function, he sought time to confirm and after a week confirmed his inability as he had an important engagement on that day. It was for this reason in my opening address, I narrated the Mahabharata episode at this function which was presided over by Union Minister H.N. Ananth Kumar. Now the episode:

The Kurukshetra war between Kauravas and Pandavas had ended with the latter winning. The Pandavas settled down to rule the country. Dharmaraya was the King. One day he was in the Royal Court with his brothers and after the day's work Dharmaraya was about to leave for his Palace. At that moment a poor man approached him seeking help for his daughter's marriage.

"Come tomorrow. I will consider," said Dharmaraya and left for his Palace with his Prime Minister. On the way he saw lights being lit along the streets and in the houses like in a festive celebration.

"What is this, Minister?" asked Dharmaraya, "This is not the season of Deepavali." The Minister replied, "My Lord, this special celebration is ordered by your brother Bheemasena."

Surprised and a bit annoyed, Dharmaraya said, "But why? Ask him to meet me immediately."

Most obedient Bheema presented himself before his elder brother Dharmaraya.

"Bheema, what is this? Festive lights along the streets and in houses. And Minister tells me you ordered this festive celebration."

Bowing in reverence, Bheema said: "Yes my revered brother. What else can I do. Should we not celebrate your mystical power of knowing the events of the past, present and future like a *Trikala Jnani?"*

Dharmaraya in a state of impatience asked Bheema to stop the rigmarole and answer in plain words.

Bheema said, "Today, a poor man came to your court seeking help for his daughter's marriage. What did you tell him? "Come tomorrow, we will see." Most revered brother, how do you know tomorrow whether that poor man would be alive or you yourself would be alive. You spoke like a '*Trikala Jnani.*' If you are that, then there should be a festive celebration. And that is what I have done."

Narrating this episode, Swamiji turned towards me with a gentle, teasing smile. I returned an understanding smile. And the audience too smiled.

As if to vindicate the truth of this Mahabharata story, Swamiji could not make it to *SOM's* 40th anniversary. In retrospect, I reflect that in life the only constant is uncertainty. Let it be.

Now my hunt for a new chief guest began. A friend in need is a friend indeed. On receiving a negative message from the Mutt, I immediately called Industrialist Shreekaanth Dass, brother of S.A. Ramdas, former Minister and sought his help. He had apparently understood my predicament and seriousness of my request. "Don't worry uncle. Give me an hour's time. I will come back to you." True to his word, he came back to me with Union Minister Ananth Kumar's name and so it was.

Many may be wondering how is it that Ananth Kumar keeps winning Bengaluru South Parliamentary Constituency continuously for six times and I'm sure he will win again in 2019. What is the secret? I guess it is same as that of our own H.S. Shankaralingegowda (HSS) of BJP winning continuously for four times and losing when reneged and contested from JD(S). As long as a candidate keeps in direct touch with the VOTER and resonates positively to his needs victory is assured. HSS used to tell me in a lighter vein how many chappals were worn-out in a year doing '*padayatra*' in his constituency.

In a similar way, I learn from my sister-in-law Rajani living in HSR Layout, Bengaluru, that Ananth Kumar quickly responds to the voter's complaints and gave one example.

In HSR Layout 7th sector there was a park, about half acre. First a few poojaris encroached starting a temple despite protests from the residents. But the BDA connived and half the park was gone. A few years later the ICCI got the remaining area of the park allotted to itself and moved in quickly to start the work with a JCB menacingly parked inside. Over hundred residents gathered and protested. Approached Ananth Kumar, who came to the spot and then got the Congress Chief Minister Dharam Singh himself to the spot. The park was saved.

I have received a letter from an ex-BSNL employee praising Ananth Kumar for his help to the BSNL employees and pensioners. Likewise he must have helped many. In addition, his wife is a pro-active social activist doing yeomen service to women of that constituency. No wonder, victory goes with hard and honest service to society.

We have received many messages, letters of appreciation, cards, sweets, yours truly being honoured in the office in the traditional way with shawl, *Mysuru Peta* etc. A few birthday cakes too. But I must show my readers these two cakes, one of which I had no heart to cut and eat. It is still in the fridge to show to close friends. It came from *Grand Mercure Hotel,* Mysuru. The other cake resembling *SOM's* mascot Mahishasura was by *Blue Sand* and *Kalisu Foundation [See pics].*

And finally, I believe that a function of this kind or any kind, even a *mela* or *jatre* can succeed as envisaged, as visualised only if there is proper planning well in advance, mutual consultation among those involved and by a TEAM led by a team-leader. The input from each member is vital for the smooth and successful conduct of a function. But then if things can go wrong, they will. If anything went wrong at our function, I seek your indulgence and understanding.

Thank You

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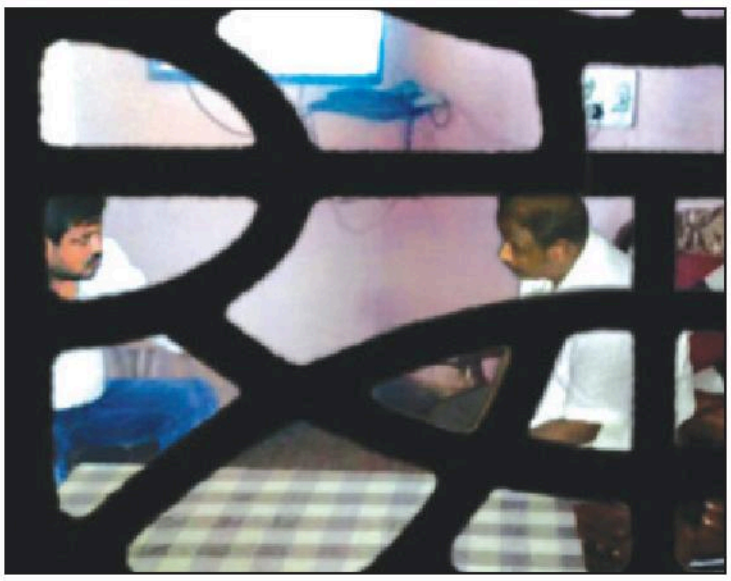
Battle for T. Narasipur Reserved Constituency

Is there a secret pact between Sunil Bose and Ashwin Kumar?



Mysuru, Feb. 21 (SK&BCT)- The forthcoming Assembly elections will throw up interesting permutations and combinations. And the combinations might include political parties putting up dummy candidates to ensure the victory of other 'powerful' candidates put up by 'rival' parties. These activities might once again prove the old adage that there are no permanent friends or permanent enemies in politics.

Take the prestigious T. Narasipur constituency for example. It is at present represented by Mysuru District Minister and CM Siddharamaiah's close confidant Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa. While there are indications that Dr. Mahadevappa will contest from C.V. Raman Nagar in Bengaluru, his son Sunil Bose will try his luck from T. Narasipur. And since several months, Dr. Mahadevappa has been silently building a base for his son there.

Political activities have already begun in T. Narasipur with the JD(S) announcing the candidature of Zilla Panchayat Member Ashwin Kumar, despite stiff competition from other JD(S) aspirants. If sources are to be believed, Ashwin Kumar has entered into a secret agreement with Sunil Bose to ensure the latter's victory. To prove their point, sources display a photograph of a secret meeting with Sunil Bose and Ashwin Kumar.

The photograph is now being widely circulated in social media and this has created confusion in the minds of JD(S) workers.

Meanwhile, Ashwin Kumar has denied that he met Sunil Bose and termed that it is a political conspiracy. He has even lodged a Police complaint in T. Narasipur urging the Police to take action against people who have circulated the photograph to create confusion in the minds of voters. Ashwin Kumar has lodged the complaint through JD(S) worker Mohan Kumar.

PROTEST AGAINST ASHWIN KUMAR

Meanwhile, enraged by the photograph of Ashwin Kumar and Sunil Bose together, JD(S) workers have been staging protest in T. Narasipur. Yesterday they blocked the Bus Stand Road in Bannur town and demanded the JD(S) leaders to remove Ashwin Kumar from the MLA candidature as he has already entered into a secret pact with Sunil Bose of the Congress.

Shouting slogans against Ashwin Kumar, the protesters said that JD(S) has a bright chance of winning the Reserved Constituency and the party must provide tickets to a winning candidate like S. Shankar by removing people like Ashwin Kumar. They urged the JD(S) leaders not to fall prey to the 'conspiracies hatched by the Congress.'

They alleged that Ashwin Kumar, in collusion with Sunil Bose and his father Dr. Mahadevappa, had brought disrepute to honest JD(S) workers who have built the party from the grass-roots level and had also dented their self-esteem.

KERC holds public hearing

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CESC MD Kiran said that CESC is one of the best companies that supplies quality power to all consumers and has received many awards from the Centre for its efforts.

Responding to the presentation made by CESC MD, Prabhu from Karnataka Small Scale Industries Association said that CESC was covering its own inefficiencies and lapses and was burdening the consumers.

"CESC resorts to unscheduled load shedding and this has resulted in severe business losses and here its MD is bothered only about losses without taking steps to recover from losses," he said. Prabhu added that there was severe pilferage of power with thousands of illegal connections and CESC has not been able to control it.

Anil Sahu from Hassan Coffee Planters Association said that the existing tariff was too high and every year, planters were suffering huge losses. He urged the KERC not to give in to CESC and retain the existing tariff structures.

Manjunath from Karnataka Small Scale Industries Association urged the KERC to include GST in the tax levied by the CESC. "GST is uniform tax and there should be no exceptions to Escoms and they cannot collect separate taxes," he said. Manjunath also appealed to the KERC to levy uniform tariffs during day and night.

K.B. Lingaraju from Mysuru Chamber of Commerce and Industries appealed to the CESC to install separate meters for industrial units functioning from a single premises where the owners have sub-let them to different units.

The interesting part of the hearing came when Ranganath of Bharatiya Kisan Sangha spoke. Taking on CESC MD Kiran, who claimed that CESC had received many awards, Ranganath said that CESC must instead take the award from farmers.

"You don't supply quality power and 'Single Phase' is the standard norm. Losses are due to gross mismanagement and illogical power purchase from other States. This being the situation, the CESC must increase its efficiency and plug pilferage instead of burdening the consumers," he said.

Miscreants break car glass, decamp with gold jewellery

Mysuru, Feb. 21 (SPN&KS) - An incident of miscreants breaking the glass of a car and decamping with gold jewellery and clothes was reported on Sayyaji Rao road here on Monday night.

Rajesh Kedilayi of Sullia in Dakshina Kannada district, who had come to city, had parked his car near Cauvery Emporium on Sayyaji Rao Road and had gone to a shop. When he returned after sometime, he found the glass of his car broken and gold jewellery and new clothes kept in the suitcase and a bag missing. He then lodged a complaint at Devaraja Police Station in this regard.

Devaraja Police, who have registered a case, are investigating.

Jungle Lodges and Resorts all set to take over Lalitha Mahal Palace Hotel

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There are 54 rooms, including two Viceroy Luxury suites which cost Rs. 40,000 per day and two Duplex suites costing Rs. 30,000 per day. There are 22 rooms in the Palace wing and 32 rooms in the pool wing. In 1973, the Palace was handed over to ITDC from PWD. It was in a completely rundown condition. The hotel was opened to the public in 1974 and more than 44 years later, it is going back to the State government.

Stop gap arrangement

There are many big hotel groups and chains like Taj, Baljee and others who are also eyeing the majestic heritage structure. Once the Government takes over the property, it will hand it over to the Jungle Lodges and Resorts.

However, they will run it for a few months and once the formalities of tendering and other processes are over, it is likely to pass hand to any of the big hotel chains or groups, said a source close to the developments taking place.

"Take for instance, the Rajendra Vilas Imperial atop the Chamundi Hill which stopped functioning due to various reasons. It is now in a rundown condition and it will take time for it to regain its lost grandeur. This fate should not befall Lalitha Mahal Palace Hotel.

Hence, instead of stopping the operations, it is continued to run and what better than an efficient organisation like Jungle Lodges and Resorts running it for a couple of months. The property can be saved from neglect, before a private entity takes over," the source said.

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Anxiety, academic stress and depression taking toll of students' happy life

Says Counselling Psychologist Dr. Rekha

By S. Kenneth Shishir

With examinations fast approaching, academic stress, parental pressure, anxiety and depression are mounting on the young minds and are snatching the happy life of students who are being pressurised to study, score, score and score high marks in the examinations, says Dr. Rekha, Counselling Psychologist at B.M. Hospital here.

Stating that the rate of anxiety and depression have sky-rocketed in the last few decades, Dr. Rekha said that studies have shown that 50% students suffer from health issues such as depression, anxiety and hysteria which sometimes result in students getting addicted to alcohol and drugs and added that studies have shown that students suffer from anxiety or depressive illness during adolescents which was seriously affecting their mental status and habits like eating, sleeping and drinking.

Noting that academic stress involves mental distress regarding anticipated academic challenges or failure or even an awareness of the possibility of academic failure, Dr. Rekha said that during the school years, academic stress may show up in the child's environment such as home, school, neighbours or friends.

She said that school-related situations, such as tests, grades, studying, self-imposed need to succeed, as well as that induced by others, were the main sources of stress for students and added that the impact of academic stress have led to poor outcomes in the areas of exercise, nutrition and self-care. The education system here demands long hours of systematic study every day, she said and added that the elaborate study routines that are expected by students span from the morning till late evening hours, leaving little time for recreation and we hardly see children playing now-a-days.

Look out for symptoms

When asked how can parents identify stress and depression in their children, Dr. Rekha said that parents have to look for symptoms such as loss of appetite, change in friends frequently, carelessness, decline in academic performance, missing classes or skipping school, loss of interest in favourite activities, trouble in school, changes in eating or sleeping habits and

Dr. Rekha

deteriorating relationships with family members and friends among their children and added that if the parents find any of the above symptoms in their children, they should seek the help of a professional counsellor for guidance.

Mentioning a case history of a student, Dr. Rekha said that 19-year-old Varun (name changed), a first year degree student, came for counselling as he was experiencing insecure feeling of being stressed. He was particularly concerned about his negative thoughts and attitude at school and at home and would like to change.

"Varun was looking for professional counsellor for help and he reached me through reference from the school with high hopes. According to my keen observation, Varun is quite adaptable to the situation and quite smart enough according to his ability. Most of the time he fails to listen and follow instructions. He always interacts more with children who are below his age level, laughs for silly reasons and never tries to do anything on his own. In some situation, he starts crying for silly reason and often complains about aches and pain besides being very stubborn to his parents," Dr. Rekha said.

After counselling sessions, which were done twice a week after his school hours, drastic changes were observed in Varun. He not only picked up reading and writing but also shown remarkable changes in his behaviour. Gradually, he stated showing interest in sports, yoga and academics, said Dr. Rekha adding that she stressed more on improving the problem-solving skills, reinforcement and recreational techniques in her counselling process to help Varun solve his problems.

Dr. Rekha seen during a counselling session at a Nursing College in city.

How counselling helps?

When asked how counselling helps the students to overcome such physiological problems, Dr Rekha said that counselling is a helping process by way of talking and discussing which helps the person to find solutions and feel comfortable.

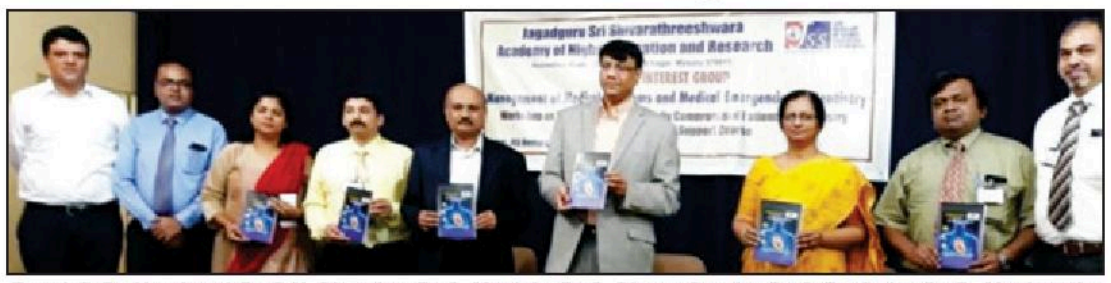
Many counselling techniques such as ventilation, reassurance, explanation, reinforcement, suggestion, improving the problem-solving skills, encouraging healthy defence mechanisms are adopted, which helps them to minimise their problems and correct themselves to see life more beautifully and effectively, she added.

Speaking about the role of professional counsellors, Dr. Rekha said that they have greater responsibility in the area of counselling as it is the utmost responsibility of a counsellor to help students overcome their problems. Counsellors also contribute good citizens to society and help them maintain healthy mental status, she added. *[e-mail: dr.rekhabmh@gmail.com]*

Special Interest Group launched to manage Medical Problems and Medical Emergencies in Dentistry

Mysuru, Feb.21- Over a period of years, the number of medically-compromised patients requiring dental treatment is on the rise. In order to provide dental care safely to these patients, a proper understanding of their medical conditions, medications taken and investigations required is very essential. Hence a Special Interest Group (SIG) called 'Management of Medical Problems and Medical Emergencies in Dentistry' was created by JSS Academy of Higher Education & Research, Mysuru.

This group consists of like-minded Oral and Maxillofacial surgeons Dr. Sahith Kumar Shetty (Group Co-ordinator), Dr. S. Manjula, Dr. S. Shyam Sundar, Dr. S. Shivananda, Dr. S.N. Chandan, Gynecologist Dr. S. Mamatha, Internal Medicine Specialist Dr. M. Mahesh and Periodontist Dr. Sheela Kumar Gujjari.



From left: ***Dr. Harsharaj, Dr. S.N. Chandan, Dr. S. Manjula, Dr. S. Shyam Sundar, Dr. S. Ravindra, Dr. B. Manjunatha, Dr. M.R. Dhakshaini, Dr. S. Shivanand and Dr. Sahith Kumar Shetty seen releasing BLS course manual.***

SIG intends to create a scientific platform as a forum of discussion amongst various departments of medicine and dentistry regarding comprehensive management of patients presenting with various medically-compromised conditions so as to develop a scientific and rational algorithm in management of such patients.

Cardiac arrest is an important cause of death of people in society, 70% of which occurs in house. Hence, Basic Life Support (BLS) is an important life-saving skill everybody has to possess.

The SIG with this noble theme conducted a two-day workshop for practicing dental surgeons on management of medically-compromised patients in dentistry and a hands-on course on Basic Life Support recently at JSS Dental College and Hospital. A total of 65 delegates participated and they were trained in providing Basic Life Support to cardiac arrest patients.

The chief guest of the workshop was Dr. B. Manjunatha, Registrar, JSS Academy of Higher Education and Research.

Dr. Ravindra, Principal, JSS Dental College and Hospital, Dr. M.R. Dakshaini, Vice- Principal, JSS Dental College and Hospital were present during the inauguration of this initiative.

Sardar Singh gets a lifeline,
named India Hockey Captain

New Delhi, Feb. 21- Veteran Sardar Singh has got one more chance to prolong his international career after he was yesterday named captain of the Indian men's hockey team for the 27th Sultan Azlan Shah Cup, a tournament where three players will make their debut for the country. The Tournament will be held in Ipoh, Perak, Malaysia from Mar.3 to 10.

Sardar, who is in the twilight of his career, has been in and out of the team in recent times and was ignored from India's last two international assignments.

Sardar last played for India at the Asia Cup but was dropped from the squad for the Hockey World League (HWL) Final last December and then for the tour to New Zealand.

But new chief coach Sjoerd Marijne handed another lifeline

to the midfield ace when he was appointed to lead India at next month's Azlan Shah Cup in Ipoh, Malaysia after regular skipper Manpreet Singh was rested.

Sardar wants to continue till 2020 Olympics but with three big events — Commonwealth Games, Asian Games and World Cup — lined up this year, the Azlan Shah Cup probably is his last chance to impress upon the national selectors with the team think-tank setting their sights on a younger lot.

Squad

Goalkeepers: Suraj Karkera, Krishan B. Pathak; **Defenders:** Amit Rohidas, Dipsan Tirkey, Varun Kumar, Surender Kumar, Nilam Sanjeep Xess, Mandeep Mor; **Midfielders:** S.K. Uthappa, Sardar Singh (Captain), Sumit, Nilakanta Sharma, Simranjeet Singh; **Forwards:** Gurjant Singh, Ramandeep Singh (Vice-captain), Talwinder Singh, Sumit Kumar (Junior), Shilanand Lakra.

KSCA Mysuru Zonal League

Harsha Kumar slams
double ton in drawn tie

Mysuru, Feb.21- Middle-order batsman Harsha Kumar Naidu's brilliant unbeaten double century (201 n.o, 32x4, 4x6), was the highlight for Mysore University Colleges Sports Council (MUCSC), who secured the vital first innings points in the drawn two-day tie in the KSCA Mysuru Zone 1st Division League tie played at the PET Grounds, Mandya, recently.

Harsha Kumar

SCORES

FUCC: 95 in 25.5 overs (Gowtham 4 for 52, Naveen Pai 4 for 37) & 176 for 5 in 49 overs (Ramesh 78 n.o., Ranjith 33) drew with **MUCSC:** 529 for 8 in 90 overs (Harsha Kumar Naidu 201 n.o., Vishnu 88, Hemanth Kumar 55, Gowtham 52 n.o., Surendra Prasad 40, Kavin 2 for 56, Pradeep 2 for 63, Ramesh 2 for 161); **MUCSC -** 3 points and **FUCC -** 1 point.

MDFA 'C' Division Football League

Sandesh hat-tricks

Mysuru, Feb.21- A hat-trick by left-out Sandesh (13, 41, 57th) helped Shivaji FC to register a 4-2 win over Metro FC in the MDFA 'C' Division League tie for the Chirag Trophy played at the University Grounds here yesterday.

The Result — Shivaji FC: 4 (Sandesh 13, 41, 57, Noushad 21) bt **Metro FC:** 2 (Manish 15, 25).

Sports Meet at Teresian Degree College & PG Centre

Mysuru, Feb. 21- The Teresian Degree College and Post Graduate Centre celebrated its Annual Athletic Sports Day 2017-18 at Teresian College Sports Ground recently. H.N Shankara Narayana, PE Director, National Institute of Engineering (NIE), hoisted the College Sports Flag and Arpitha Mary, International Volleyball player, Postal Department, Bangaluru, released the balloons in the air to mark the inauguration of the Meet. The Sports Torch was lit by State and National-level sportspersons.

Rev. Dr. Sr. Sajitha Director, Teresian Institution, Mysuru, presided over the programme.

Rev. Sr. Anjali, Rev. Dr. Sr. Genevieve, Academic Adviser, Tersian College, Mysuru, Rev. Dr. Sr. Prafula, Principal, Teresian PU College, Mysuru, Dr. Veena M. D' Almeida, Principal, Teresian College, Mysuru, Sports Committee Members Prof. Alfred Marie Delcsse, Department of French, Prof. D. Seetha, Department of Commerce and Anthony Moses, PE Director, Teresian College, Mysuru, were the guests of honour.

RESULTS - DEGREE

100 mts. Race: 1. Architha Mayola (II B.Sc. CBZ) - 10.94 Sec., **2.** Mary Cicilia (II BA HES) - 11.02 Sec., **3.** Poonam Kumari (II B.Com) - 11.13 Sec.; **200 mts. Race: 1.** Poonam Kumari (II B.Com) - 24.09 Sec., **2.** Keerthana Mohithe (III BBA) - 25.98 Sec., **3.** Kokila Joseph (I B.Sc. FRM) - 26.08 Sec.; **1500 mts. Walking Race: 1.** Harshitha Tejaswini (II B.Sc. PCM), **2.** N. Charulatha (I B.Com), **3.** H.N. Prathima (II B.Sc. PCM); **4x100 mts. Relay: 1.** Sahana Gowda, Mary Cicilia, R. Nayana, Kousalaya (III BA), **2.** Poonam Kumari, Pooja Kumari, Leema Rose, A. Maria; **3.** Emily Shilu, Keerthana D. Mohithe, Martina Mathew, Meghana; **Shot-put: 1.** Renita Lobo (III B.Sc. PCM) - 9.35 mts., **2.** Dayana Vegas (III B.Sc. CBZ) - 7.09 mts., **3.** Princy Infant Mary, (II B.Sc. PCM) - 7.03 mts.; **Discus-Throw: 1.** Renita Lobo (III B.Sc. PCM) - 20.85 mts., **2.** Princy Infant Mary (II B.Sc. PCM) - 20.15 mts., **3.** H.M. Asha (I B.Com) - 16.35 mts.; **Long-Jump: 1.** Poojam Kumari (II B.Com) - 3.19 mts., **2.** Harshitha Thejaswini (II B.Sc. PCM) - 3.10 mts., **3.** Nish Sharma (I B.Com) - 3.05 mts.; **High-Jump: 1.** Skliva Buthello (III B.Com) - 1.12 mts., **2.** Christilda Valangani (I B.Com) - 1.12 mts., **3.** M. Harshitha (I B.Sc.) - 1.10 mts.

Non-Sports — Lemon & Spoon Race: 1. Hemavathi (I B.Com), **2.** Nisha Sharma (I B.Com), **3.** Philomena (II B.Com); **Gunny Bag Race: 1.** Supriya (II B.Com), **2.** Chaithra (II B.Com), **3.** H.S. Rakshitha (II B.Sc.); **Australian Race: 1.** Neha Sharma, Nish Sharma, Harshitha, Suhruthi (I B.Com) - 16.45 Sec., **2.** Priyanka, Supriya, Sowjanya, Soubhagya (II B.Com), **3.** Dania Muhamadi Nayas, Agi Manailiu, Anjali Raj Purohit, Pooja Guptha (I B.Sc.)

RESULTS - PG MEN

100 mts. Race: 1. Rakesh (II M.Com), **2.** Nandish (I M.Com), **3.** Giridhar (II M.Com); **200 mts. Race: 1.** Nandish (I M.Com), **2.** Ashok (I M.Com), **3.** Abhishek (I M.Com), **3.** Girish (I M.Com); **Long-Jump:** Nandish (I M.Com) - 4.81 mts., **2.** S.N. Ashok (I M.Com) - 4.80 mts.; **3.** Rakesh (II M.Com) - 4.70 mts.; **Discus-Throw: 1.** Prathap (I M.Sc.) - 28.15 mts., **2.** Akarsh Gowda (II M.Com) - 27.15 mts., **3.** Gowtham (I M.Com) - 25.85 mts.; **Javelin-Throw: 1.** Sachin (I M.Sc.) - 43.85 mts., **2.** Gowtham (I M.Com) - 38.10 mts., **3.** Akarsh Gowda (II M.Com) - 32.05 mts.; **High-Jump: 1.** Rakesh (II M.Com) - 1.33 mts., **2.** Ashok (I M.Com) - 1.20 mts., **3.** P. Sunil (II M.Com) - 1.18 mts.

RESULTS - PG WOMEN

100 mts. Race: 1. Rashmitha (II M.Com), **2.** Saneeha (I M.Com), **3.** Mamatha (I M.Com), **200 mts. Race: 1.** Rashmitha (II M.Com), **2.** Saneeha (I M.Com), **3.** Megha (II M.Com); **1500 mts. Walking Race: 1.** Kalpashree, (I M.Com), **2.** Kavya (II M.Com), **3.** Hema (II M.Com); **Shot-Put: 1.** Sanjana (I M.Com) - 5.90 mts., **2.** Aishwarya (I M.Com) - 5.70 mts., **3.** Varalakshmi (I M.Com); **Long-Jump: 1.** M. Saneeha (I M.Com) - 3.18 mts., **2.** P. Rashmitha (II M.Com), **3.** Mary Christine (II M.Sc.) - 2.88 mts.

Non-Sports — Lemon & Spoon: 1. Kavya (II M.Com), **2.** Divyashree (I M.Com), **3.** Aishwarya (I M.Com); **Australian Race: 1.** Kavya, Gayathri, Divyashree, Hema (II M.Com), **2.** Saneeha, Ramya, Hemalatha, Varalakahmi (I M.Com), **3.** Sanjan, Swathi, G.U. Harshitha, D. Chandana (I M.Com).

PG 4x100 mts. Relay: 1. C. Rakesh, Rashmitha, Megha, Sunil (II M.Com), **2.** Ashok, Abhishek, Saneeha, Kalpashree (I M.Com), **3.** Sachin, Akash Gowda, Kavya, M. Hema (II M.Com); **Shot-Put: 1.** Sachin (I M.Sc.) - 15.15 mts., **2.** Akarsh Gowda (II M.Com) - 12.65 mts., **3.** Prathap (I M.Sc.) - 12.20 mts.

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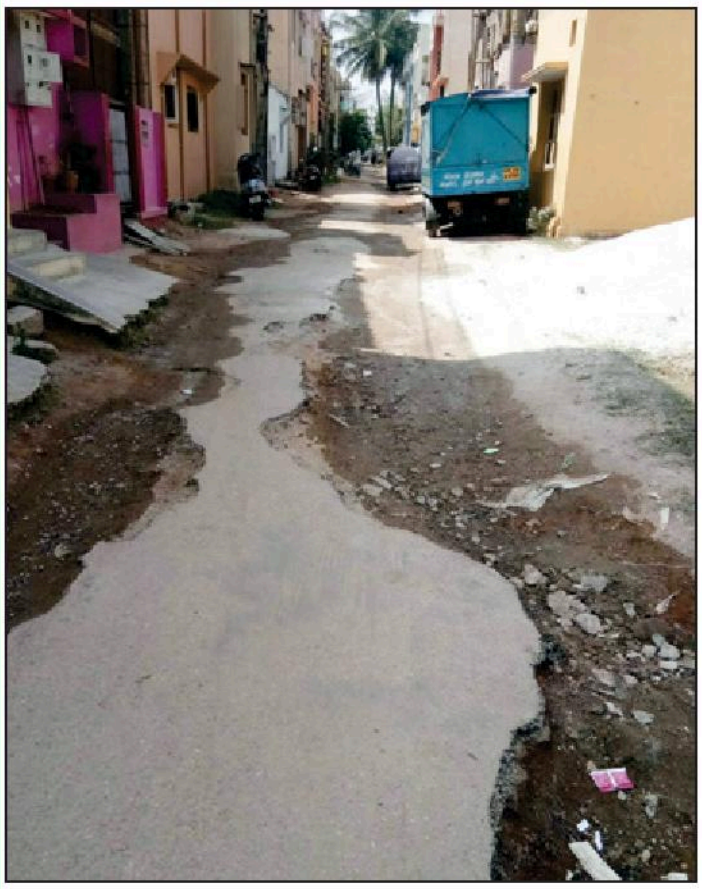
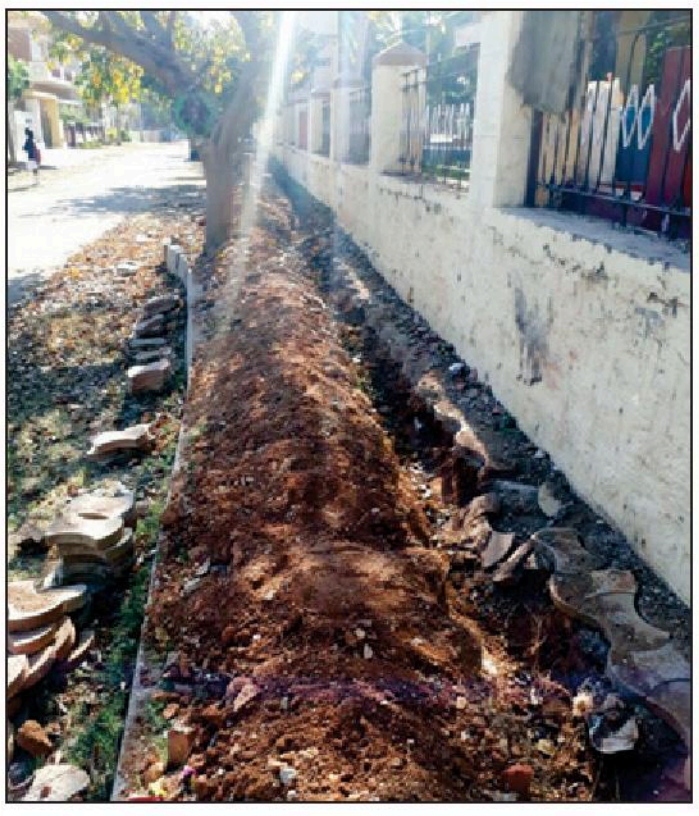
Will this road in Rajiv Nagar be asphalted?



This so-called road known as EWS Road, 2nd Cross behind Al-Badar Masjid in Rajiv Nagar 2nd Stage has become unmotorable as it has not been repaired or asphalted even once since 25 years, according to the residents. Residents are facing a lot of problems especially during rainy season and with the onset of summer, the residents have urged the authorities concerned to take steps to asphalt the road at the earliest.

Footpath dug up for no reason at Siddarthanagar



About 50 to 60 feet of the footpath on Ananda Marga near Ganapati Temple is dug up by removing the interlocking tiles for the reasons best known to those who dug it. Residents said that they were confused whether the temple staff or the MCC staff had dug the footpath and added that when they contacted AC Muralidhar several times he is said to have told them that he was very busy in Swachh Survekshan. There is a borewell on the footpath and the dug up portion was preventing many from fetching water from it. Authorities concerned are urged to take steps at the earliest.

Sarvajna Jayanti celebrations in city

Mysuru, Feb.21 (PM&DM)- Maintaining that the State Government was organising Jayantis of Saints and Seers in order to organise micro-communities, KR MLA M.K. Somashekar has said that poet Sarvajna was a pragmatist famous for his three-lined poems called Tripadi.

He was speaking after inaugurating Sarvajna Jayanti jointly organised by the District Administration, Kannada and Culture Department and Sarvajna Jayantotsava Samiti at Kalamandira yesterday.

Pointing out that Sarvajna, a 16th century poet, grew up as a wandering Monk creating Tripadis, Somashekar said that the Poet's Tripadis mainly dealt with social, ethical and religious issues. Terming Sarvajna as a philosopher in his own right, the MLA said that Sarvajna upheld the wisdom of pastoral life in rural areas in his poems and tried to persuade villagers to give up superstition, meaningless customs and traditions.

He further said that Sarvajna's famous Tripadis were very much relevant even today.

Earlier floral tributes were offered to the portrait of Sarvajna to mark the Jayanti. Corporator Prakash, Kannada activist Tayur Vittalmurthy, Kannada & Culture Assistant Director H. Channappa, Jayantotsava Samiti Members and Kumbara community Members Naganna, Renukamba, Ramu, Thimmashetty, Channashetty, Jayaram and others were present.

Dalits stage protest, demand sacking of Social Welfare Department official

Mysuru, Feb.21 (RKB&DM)- Accusing Social Welfare Department Officer Prabha of irregularities and corruption, nearly 200 members of Dalit Sangharsha Samiti (DSS) staged a demonstration in front of DC's office here yesterday, demanding her immediate sacking.

Listing out the alleged irregularities and corruption by Prabha, the protesters alleged that the officer had failed to utilise the package fund meant for the welfare of nomadic communities, failed in organising untouchability eradication programmes, has cheated the Government in the appointment of Cooking Assistants and had failed to address the grievances of the students in hostels run by the Social Welfare Department, among other irregularities.

The protesters warned of intensifying their protest, if the Government failed to sack the officer.

DSS office-bearers Bettaiah Kote, Shambulingaswamy, Ratnapuri Puttaswamy, Umamahadeva, B.D. Shivabuddhi and others led the protest.

Health camp held

Mysuru, Feb.21 (KS)- Janatha Seva Kendra, in association with the District Health and Family Welfare Department, had organised a free health check-up camp on Turab Ali Street in Mandi Mohalla here recently. The camp was conducted by Gynaecologist Dr. Pushpa, who was assisted by Ambuja, Sumithra, K.N. Babitha and Lab Technician Richard.

Needy people were given free medicines.

Ariff A. Mehkri, Chairman, Mysore District Waqf Advisory Committee, Syed Abbas, Chairman, ABS Empire India Pvt. Ltd., Ilyas Baig, MD of NI Group, Rafeeq Ahmed, Congress Leader, Jawad Ahmed, Social Worker, Mahmood Ali Khan, Secretary, Anjyman-e-Tahafuz-e-Khabarasthan Committee and others were present.

Minister launches asphalting work

Tanveer Sait, Minister for Primary & Secondary Education, Auqaf and Minorities Welfare, is seen launching asphalting work of Umar Khayam Road near B.T. Mill in city on Sunday last as Abdul Khader Shahid, President, Azeez Sait Block Congress Committee, ABS Syed Abbas, Managing Director, ABS Comforts Pvt. Ltd., Iqbal Ahmed, Member, N.R. Constituency Ashraya Committee and Zakir Khan, Proprietor, P.K. Plastic Industries, look on.

Friend recalls Farmers' leader

K.S. Puttannaiah's last day and early days

"I saw him sweating on the stage and advised him to go to hospital immediately"

Puttanaiah

Mahadevu

Mandya, Feb.21- His health had deteriorated on Sunday afternoon itself. I had advised him to go to the hospital for a check-up. But I was shocked to hear about his death the same evening, said Kyathanahalli Mahadevu with tears rolling down his cheeks about his childhood friend Puttannaiah, the farmers' leader who passed away on Feb.18.

"MLA K.S. Puttannaiah had participated in the cattle fair at Bebi Betta. Suddenly he had problems with his breathing and started sweating. As I was sitting in front of the dais, I observed that he was feeling uncomfortable. I went near him and asked him if anything was wrong. He replied that he had taken a tablet as he had a wheezing problem. I asked him to go immediately to a doctor for treatment," said Mahadevu.

"Later, I went to his house in the evening at five. He was exercising. I told him, that his health was not alright, that he should not exercise and he should first go to the hospital. He told me, 'Ok, Mada, don't bother too much.' He had participated in several programmes that day. When I heard the news of his death at 11 in the night, I was stunned. For a minute I could not believe it. If only he had taken care of his health, my friend would not have left me," said an emotional Mahadevu.

You will outlive me!

Farmer leader Puttannaiah's close friend Kyathanahalli Mahadevu going down the memory lane, recalled, "I am elder to my friend Puttannaiah. Recently, he came to me and said, 'Hey Mada, you are keeping good health. I think I will depart this world earlier than you.' I had told him then, 'Society needs leaders like you. Do not speak like that.' However, it was not to be and his words turned out to be true. I feel a great sense of loss. Those days no higher caste person would go to the Dalit colonies. But Puttannaiah would go there and help them."

—Kyathanahalli Mahadevu

Master of all arts: Puttannaiah was two years younger to me. From the age of 12 we were friends. We would address one another in singular. After he became an MLA, I started addressing him respectfully. But our friendship continued and he would always treat his friends the same way he treated them before he grew to be a leader of eminence.

He was a master of all arts. Be it drama, wrestling, kabbadi, he excelled in all of them. In the plays staged in the village he used to don the role of Hiranyakashipu, Hiranyaksha and Ravana with great élan. He was also involved in various cultural activities, recalled Mahadevu.

Puttannaiah became a household name: Puttannaiah was very fond of sports. In his growing up years he used to go and work in the fields. Without his knowledge he became physically strong. Buoyed by his strength, he joined a Garadi (where a wrestler is trained) and grew muscles. Every evening after working in the field we were playing football in Kyathanahalli sports grounds. Later, we would play volleyball. Seeing his physique, we told him that he was fit for playing kabbadi.

Hence, he concentrated on kabbadi and there was no match for him in this game. He became a household name in the surrounding villages too because of his skill in playing kabbadi, said Mahadevu.

"When we were both studying SSLC, I was not able to pay the school fees. Puttannaiah himself paid my fees. But he failed in the SSLC exam and ran away from home to Chennai. He had also asked me to join him in the escapade. However, I did not go. He came back from Chennai, passed his SSLC and left for Mysuru to join College. During this period, we had drifted apart. However, when he came back to the village, we renewed our friendship and it grew stronger," Mahadevu reminisced.

Influenced by Dr. Ambedkar's ideals: Puttannaiah was greatly influenced by Baba Saheb Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's ideals, by the time he finished his studies and returned home. When a Dalit passed away, he would visit his home and offer financial assistance. He had great concern for them and the farmers. If anyone came and asked him for help, he would immediately respond, said Mahadevu.

Scientific thinking: He was always thinking along scientific lines. He believed in God but did not accept the atrocities committed in God's names. 'You build temples and then prevent people from entering it. Why do you do this?' was what he would frequently question people. If he saw injustice, he would flare up, recounted Mahadevu.

Joining Raitha Sangha: Puttannaih in the initial years led a carefree life. However, after he joined Raitha Sangha, his attitude towards life changed and he learnt the art of public speaking. He would make everyone laugh by cracking jokes. His mantra was, 'Laughter is the best medicine,' said Mahadevu.

After he became an MLA, he fought for the causes of the farmers and responded to people's problems, said Mahadevu, lauding his friend's achievements and qualities.

Puttannaiah to be laid to rest tomorrow with State honours

Mandya, Feb.21- The District Administration is making all arrangements for the last rites of farmer leader and MLA K.S. Puttannaiah, including State honours. He will be laid to rest tomorrow at Kyathanahalli in Pandavapura taluk in Mandya district.

Puttannaiah's family members were consulted in this regard by Mandya Deputy Commissioner N. Manjushri and SP G. Radhika yesterday. Manjushri said that the mortal remains of Puttannaiah which is kept at JSS Hospital mortuary in Mysuru will be brought tomorrow (Feb.22) at 6 am to Kyathanahalli via Srirangapatna. It will be kept for public viewing from 6.30 am to 10.30 am at Visvesvaraya Stadium. The final rites will be conducted at Puttannaiah's farm (behind the rice mill) with State honours, she added. She appealed to the people to pay their last respects during the given time as the body cannot be kept for more than six hours, she explained.

Condolence meeting

The 'Shraddanjali' for Puttannaiah would be held on Feb.28 at Pandavapura town. The condolence is being held as per his ideologies. In all, 180 representatives of farmers' organisations would attend, said Puttannaiah's son Darshan. The rituals like 'thithi' will not be held, instead, 50 farmers who had achieved success in their field would be felicitated on the occasion, he said.

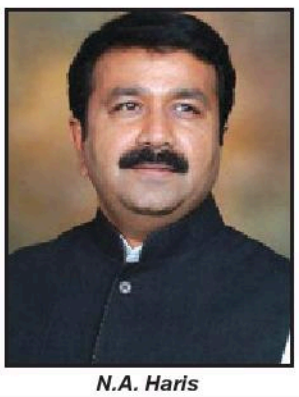
Puttannaiah's death: Investigation intensifies

Mandya, Feb.21- Following the death of farmer leader K.S. Puttannaiah (1949-2018) on Feb.18, there are various theories doing the rounds about his passing away and according to sources, the Police Department has launched a secret investigation.

The details about the programmes he attended on that day from morning till evening and the persons who were with him, what he had for breakfast and lunch are all being gathered, said the source.

After Puttannaiah complained of chest pain, he was first taken to a private hospital and from there to the District Hospital where the doctors there had confirmed that he had died before he reached the hospital. A controversy has also arisen because his body was taken to his native village Kyathanahalli by the people who were with him. Hence, only after thorough investigation can the truth come out. The family is awaiting the arrival of Puttannaiah's daughters Smitha and Askshatha from America and his sister Renuka from Canada. His last rites will be performed tomorrow.

MLA Haris apologises in Assembly over assault by son



N.A. Haris

Bengaluru, Feb.21 - Congress MLA N.A. Haris yesterday apologised to the State Legislative Assembly about his son's (Mohammed Nalapad Haris) involvement in an assault case at an upscale pub-cum-restaurant that has stirred a huge political row.

"Sometimes, due to some circumstances, incidents such as these happen. I tender my apologies if the incident has affected the pride of the House and honourable members," he said in the Assembly.

Haris said that he did not put any pressure on the State Government. He also tendered apologies for the attack on the media outside the Cubbon Park Police Station allegedly by Mohammed Nalapad Haris' supporters when he came to surrender. He said nobody, including the members of the Assembly, was above law and wrongdoers must be punished.

ASI suspended, ACP transferred

Meanwhile, Home Minister Ramalinga Reddy told the Assembly that all the accused in the case have been arrested and added that the ASI who had registered a case against Vidvath (victim) has been suspended for violating the law and the ACP has been transferred.

He further said that the case has been handed over to the Central Crime Branch (CCB) and added that full powers have been given to the Police to probe the case.

WORD OF THE DAY

Sanguine

Meaning: Blood red, consisting of or relating to blood or optimistic or positive.

Origin: If you're the sort of cheery soul who always looks on the bright side no matter what happens, you have a sanguine personality. Sanguine describes one of the temperaments that ancient and medieval scholars believed was caused by an abundance of one of the four humours (another is phlegmatic, an adjective that describes the calm, cool, and collected among us). The word sanguine derives from sanguineus, Latin for "blood" or "bloody," and over the more than 600 years it's been in use it has had meanings ranging from "bloodthirsty" and "bloodred" to today's most common one, "confident, optimistic."

THE ODD WORD

Droolworthy

Extremely attractive or desirable.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

A pig in a poke

Meaning: An offer or deal that is foolishly accepted without being examined first.

Origin: 'Don't buy a pig in a poke' might seem odd and archaic language. It's true that the phrase is very old, but actually it can be taken quite literally and remains good advice.

The advice being given is 'don't buy a pig until you have seen it'. This is enshrined in British commercial law as 'caveat emptor' - Latin for 'let the buyer beware'. This remains the guiding principle of commerce in many countries and, in essence, supports the view that if you buy something you take responsibility to make sure it is what you intended to buy.

A poke is a sack or bag. It has a French origin as 'poque' and, like several other French words, its diminutive is formed by adding 'ette' or 'et' - hence 'pocket' began life with the meaning 'small bag'. Poke is still in use in several English-speaking countries, notably Scotland and the USA, and describes just the sort of bag that would be useful for carrying a piglet to market.

A pig that's in a poke might turn out to be no pig at all. If a merchant tried to cheat by substituting a lower value animal, the trick could be uncovered by letting the cat out of the bag. Many other European languages have a version of this phrase - most of them translating into English as a warning not to 'buy a cat in a bag'. The advice has stood the test of time and people have been repeating it in one form or the other for getting on for five hundred years, maybe longer.

QUOTE BOX

A man who gives his children habits of industry provides for them better than by giving them fortune.—**Richard Whately**

RIDDLE THIS

What has a bed but doesn't sleep and a mouth but never eats?

Answer: A river.

SUDOKU

2								6
		4	7		6	5		
6		8	1		2	3		9
	3			7			6	
9								1
	4			8			5	
1		9	4		8	6		2
		3	6		7	1		
5								7

Answer to previous puzzle

5	9	1	2	3	4	7	6	8
7	2	3	9	6	8	1	5	4
6	4	8	1	7	5	9	2	3
2	3	6	5	1	9	8	4	7
9	1	5	4	8	7	2	3	6
4	8	7	6	2	3	5	1	9
8	6	9	3	5	1	4	7	2
1	7	2	8	4	6	3	9	5
3	5	4	7	9	2	6	8	1

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 As similar as two peas in _ ___? (1,3)
5 Fijian island
8 Polygonal church recess
12 Unidentified
13 Fly like an eagle
14 And others, in Latin (2,2)
15 Springing or jumping
17 ____ in one's lot with : joined forces with, in a way ?
19 Being in Latin
20 Bound
22 A watery discharge from a wound
26 Hard outer casing of an egg, for example
29 Class or category
30 Navigation Mgmnt. Unit
31 Forbidden by social conventions
33 ____ pack : cosmetic paste applied thickly to face?
34 ___ per ___ (same word): complete or whole?
36 Unfolds, commences
38 Adorn with precious stones
40 Ex-English wicket keeper Stewart
41 Hats or headgear
43 Talks in a friendly and familiar manner?
47 Industrially developed city in Punjab
51 Roman emperor - "hoot" anagram?
52 No ____ off one's nose : of no consequence to one?
53 Arousing pity, miserably inadequate
54 State flower of Utah - "goes" round?
55 In time past
56 Unpleasantly wet, foetid

DOWN

1 Dill herb - "neat" anagram
2 A narrow way
3 Gen. ___ Bradley?
4 Rub out
5 Boy's name,in short
6 Inquired of
7 United States Information Service, acronym?
8 Outlook; facet
9 A Hawaiian dish of pounded rice
10 __ Francisco : the Golden Bridge city?
11 Unit of work or energy in physics
16 Pounds per sq in.
18 Cause to wither or droop
21 Airline to Tel Aviv (2,2)
23 Song of praise
24 Musical work
25 ___ light area : an area containing too many brothels?
26 The friendly pirate in 'Peter Pan'
27 ___ on the lips of : listened to very very attentively?
28 Yarn made from sheep's coat
30 National Coal Board
32 Oil group
35 Fast dance music
37 Repeated or imitated; reverberated?
39 May in France
40 It may develop when things don't seem to be going smoothly (1,4)
42 Ernest Hemmingway to his friends and admirers?
44 Ground wheat used for making rotis?
45 __out: become or make fewer?
46 A ___ in the eye : a rebuff or an insult or injury?
47 Lightning Sensor Sys.
48 Small guitar
49 ___ in : begin eating or working vigorously?
50 From _ __ z : all (1,2)

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER:

A	S	S		L	A	U	D		B	A	S	E
C	U	P		I	G	N	I		A	B	A	T
U	R	E		T	E	A	M		T	A	N	S
T	A	C	I	T			E	F	T			
			F	L	A	W		E	L	I	A	
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B	E	L	A		H	E	A	P		A	Y	N
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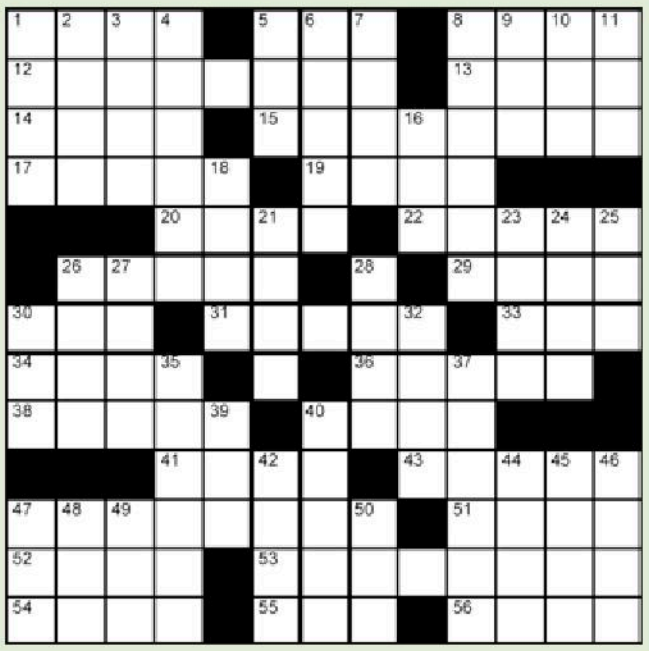


CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

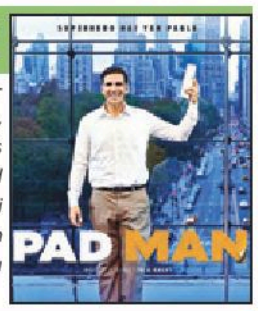
FNX DHGX UIGL LHV IGX HO KIAWXG, FNX

DHGX REJXRL LHV IGX FH DXXF EF

TODAY'S CLUE: V EQUALS U

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: A man may be so much of everything that he is nothing of anything.

EDITOR'S CHOICE



PAD MAN *is a biographical comedy-drama film written and directed by R. Balki, featuring Akshay Kumar, Sonam Kapoor, and Radhika Apte in lead roles. It is based on the short story 'The Sanitary Man of Sacred Land' in Twinkle Khanna's book 'The Legend of Lakshmi Prasad,' which is inspired by the life of Arunachalam Muruganantham, a social activist from Tamil Nadu who introduced low-cost sanitary pads.*

NOW SHOWING

Movie	Theatre	Phone	Shows
KANNADA			
Janaganamana	Sri Maruthi	9980351129	4 Shows
	Woodlands	2422871	4 Shows
	Mahadeshwara	9900820093	4 Shows
Prema Baraha	Lakshmi	2443584	4 Shows
Samhaara	Shanthala	2427584	4 Shows
Kanaka	Lido	2420885	4 Shows
Kantri Boys	Prabha	2423569	2 Shows
Google	Prabha	2423569	2 Shows
Mr. LLB	Sangam	2520494	4 Shows
Raju - Kannada Medium	Saraswathi	2541451	4 Shows
	Thibbadevi	2452958	4 Shows
Chamak	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows
Tunturu	Olympia	2420737	4 Shows
HINDI			
Aiyaary	Sri Nagaraj	2520490	4 Shows
Safe	Uma	2520009	4 Shows
HYDERABADI			
Dawat E Shaadi	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows
TAMIL			
Naachiyaar	Sterling	2481170	4 Shows
TELUGU			
Bhaagamathie	Padma	2521923	4 Shows
Intelligent	Rajkamal	2423554	4 Shows
DJ	Skyline	2481170	4 Shows

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Black Panther (E-3D)	(S-1)	10.55 am, 4.30 pm
		7.10 pm, 9.55 pm
Padmaavat (H-2D)	(S-1)	1.30 pm
	(S-4)	6.50 pm, 9.55 pm
Padmaavat (H-2D)	(S-4)	3.45 pm
Janagana Mana (K)	(S-2)	11.00 am
Aiyaary (H)	(S-2)	1.30 pm, 7.00, 9.55 pm
	(S-3)	10.50 am
Naachiyaar (Ta)	(S-2)	4.30 pm
Prema Baraha (K)	(S-3)	1.45 pm
Pad Man (H)	(S-3)	4.45 pm
	(S-4)	10.20 am, 1.00 pm
Awe (Te)	(S-3)	7.30 pm
Captain (Ma)	(S-3)	9.55 pm

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Pad Man (H)	(S-3)	4.00 pm
	(S-4)	10.15 am, 9.35 pm
Padmaavat (H-3D)	(S-1)	3.30 pm
Padmaavat (H-2D)	(S-2)	9.35 am, 9.50 pm
Naachiyaar (Ta)	(S-2)	4.15 pm
Aiyaary (H)	(S-2)	12.50 pm, 6.30 pm
	(S-3)	9.45 am, 9.40 pm
Awe (Te)	(S-3)	7.05 pm
Mr. LLB (K)	(S-4)	1.15 pm
Kantri Boys (K)	(S-4)	6.40 pm
Bhaagamathie (Te)	(S-3)	1.00 pm
Shankanaada (K)	(S-4)	12.45 pm
Black Panther (E-3D)	(S-1)	9.45 am, 12.30 pm
		7.00 pm, 9.50 pm

Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

TV TONIGHT

7:00 pm Jeet Gayi to Piyaa Morey	7:00 pm Tu Sooraj Main Saanjh Piyaji	7:30 pm Mere Sai
7:30 Aisi Deewangi...	7:30 Ye Hai Mohabbatein	8:00 Vighnaharta Ganesh
8:00 Zindagi Ki Mahek	8:00 Rishton Ka Chakravyuh	8:30 Porus
8:30 Piya Albela	8:30 Ikyawann	9:00 Rishta Likhenge Hum Naya
9:00 Kumkum Bhagya	9:00 Naamkarann	9:30 Haasil
9:30 Kundali Bhagya	9:30 Yeh Rishta Kya Kehlata Hai	10:00 Ek Deewana Tha
		10:30 Yeh Un Dinon Ki Baat Hai
6:00 pm You Have Been Warned	6:30 pm Hero Indian Super League 2017/18 Hls	6:00 pm Primal Survivor
7:00 How Do They Do It?	7:00 Trans-Tasman 2018	7:00 Uncensored With Michael Ware
7:30 What Went Down	7:30 Vivo Ipl Hls	8:00 Savage Kingdom: Uprising
8:00 Man Vs. Wild	8:00 Vivo Ipl Hls	9:00 Prime @ 9
9:00 Diesel Brothers	8:30 The Super Kings Show 2018	10:00 Years Of Living Dangerously
10:00 Man Vs. Wild	9:00 Trans-Tasman 2018 T20	11:00 Unpublished
11:00 Paranormal Witness	9:30 Vivo Ipl Hls	
6:00 pm Oggy And The Cockroaches	6:30 pm Mahaganapathi	7:00 pm Kaveri
7:00 Bhootraja Aur Ronnie	7:30 Ennu Swantham Jaani	7:30 Avalu
8:30 Oggy And The Cockroaches	8:00 Ayalathe Sundari	8:00 Brahamhastra
9:00 Teen Titans Go!	8:30 Shaneeswaran	8:30 Nandini
9:30 Horrid Henry	9:00 Nandini	9:00 Jeevanadhi
10:00 Ben 10	9:30 Premam	9:30 Doddamane Sose
	10:00 Avaril Oraal	10:00 Sarayoo

MOVIES TONIGHT

6:34 pm **Spider-Man**	7:04 pm **The Tuxedo**	7:13 pm **Police Story**
9:00 **The Croods**	9:00 **G.i. Joe: Retaliation**	9:00 **Ironclad**
10:57 **Ice Age**	11:03 **Rango**	10:56 **Star Trek Beyond**
6:02 pm **Ekkadiki**	4:53 pm **Phir Hera Pheri**	6:45 pm **Teleshopping**
8:55 **Sura**	8:00 **Entertainment**	8:30 **Fillum Baazi**
11:51 **Dum**	10:56 **Kasam Hindustan Ki**	9:00 **Jwalamukhi**
5:15 pm **King Kong**	4:00 pm **Aarada Gaya**	5:05 pm **Dangerous Khiladi**
8:59 **Warcraft**	7:00 **Nee Nanna Gellare**	7:55 **Jolly Llb 2**
11:38 **Piranha 3D**	10:00 **Maneli Ramanna Beedili Kamanna**	10:57 **Raaz Reboot**

EVENTS TODAY (FEB.21)

JSS Institute of Speech and Hearing (JSSIS&H): Inauguration of three-day National Workshop on 'Acoustic and Perceptual Analysis of voice and speech,' Dr. T.K. Umesh, Professor of Physics and Dean, Faculty of Science and Technology, University of Mysore, chief guest, JSSIS&H Director Dr. N.P. Nataraja presides, Seminar Hall, Institute premises, M.G. Road, **4 pm.**

JSS Ayurveda College and Hospital: College anniversary celebrations - 2018, Akashavani singer M.R. Sriharsha chief guest, JSS University Education Division Director Dr. P.A. Kushalapa presides, College premises, Lalithadripura Road, **5 pm.**

District Brahmana Mahasabha and Sandhya Suraksha Trust: Sri Ramakrishna Paramahamsa's 183rd Jayantyotsava, BJP KR Constituency in-Charge N.V. Phanish inaugurates, former President of District Kannada Sahitya Parishat Maddikere Gopal presides, Ayurveda Specialist Dr. A.S. Chandrashekar speaks on Sri Ramakrishna, Mahasabha President Dr. B.R. Nataraj Joise and retd. English Professor S. Susheela chief guests, Trust auditorium, near Amma Complex, **5.30 pm.**

Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama, Yadavagiri: Anniversary celebrations, Karnatak classical vocal recital by N.R. Prashanth, accompanied by Mathoor Srinidhi on violin, Tumkur B. Ravishankar on mridanga and Kaushik on ghata, Ashrama auditorium, **5.45 pm to 8.15 pm.**

Sri Krishna Ganasabha: Vocal music concert by Vid. Rajagopal Bhagavat, accompanied by C.N. Thyagarajan on violin, Vid. P.S. Sridhar on mridanga and Vid. V.S. Ramesh on ghata, Alwar Kalabhavan, Sri Krishna Temple premises, Gokulam 3rd Stage, **6 pm.**

Arsha Vidya Ashrama: Discourse on 'Bhagavad Gita' by Sri Chidrupananda Saraswati Swamiji, Sadvidya School, Narayana Shastri Road, **6.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (FEB.22)

Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama, Yadavagiri: Anniversary celebrations, special lecture by Swami Bodhamayanandaji on 'Achieving human excellence through Service,' JSS Medical College, **11 am to 12.30 pm;** Lecture on topic 'Why Vivekananda for the youth' by Swami Bodhamayanandaji, Vidya Vikas Institute of Engineering and Technology, **2.30 pm to 4.15 pm;** Violin recital by N. Ramasundar, accompanied by Srinivasa Rao on tabla, Purushothaman on mridanga, Ajith Kumar on ghata and Premkumar on morching, Ashrama auditorium, **5.45 pm to 8.15 pm.**

Bhoomigiri Prakashana, Mysuru and Karnataka Vichara Vedike, Mysuru: Book release — 'Neladodala Chetana: Dr. Malali' authored by folk Scholar Prof. G.S. Bhatta' — by CIIL Director Prof. K.R. Durgadas, writer Prof. Malali Vasanthakumar receives first copy, science writer Dr. S.N. Hagde presides, Maneyangala, Kalamandira, **5 pm.**

Kadamba Ranga Vedike, Mysuru and Department of Kannada and Culture, Bengaluru: Kadamba Ranga Deevatige-2018, State-level Theatre Festival, Kalamandira, harmonium player and singer Paramashivam inaugurates, Rangayana Director Bhagirathi Bai Kadam and Kannada & Culture Asst. Director H. Channappa guests, felicitation to Rajyotsava awardee Y.M. Puttannaiah, Nataka Academy Award recipients Mandya Ramesh and S.S. Gayathri, **6 pm;** Cultural programmes — Theatre songs programme, scenes from the play 'Satya Harischandra,' Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **6 pm.**

Sri Krishna Ganasabha: Shivashakti Vaibhava, a dance recital by Sanjana G. Patel, a disciple of Vidu. Mitra Naveen of Nada Vidyalaya, Mysuru, Alwar Kalabhavan, Sri Krishna Temple premises, Gokulam 3rd Stage, **6.30 pm.**

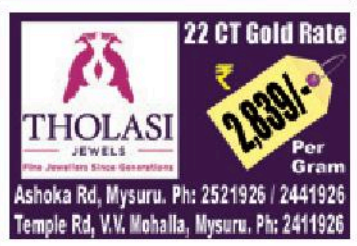
Kadamba Ranga Deevatige
State-level Theatre Fest from tomorrow

Mysuru, Feb.21 (BNR)- Kadamba Ranga Deevatige-2018, a State-level Theatre Festival has been organised at Mini Theatre in Kalamandira premises here from Feb.22 to 25, under the joint aegis of Kadamba Ranga Vedike, Mysuru and the Department of Kannada and Culture, Bengaluru.

Harmonium player and singer Paramashivam will inaugurate the four-day Theatre Festival at 6 pm tomorrow. Rangayana Director Bhagirathi Bai Kadam and Kannada & Culture Asst. Director H. Channappa will be the guests.

Rajyotsava awardee Y.M. Puttannaiah, Nataka Academy Award recipients Mandya Ramesh and S.S. Gayathri will be felicitated on the occasion. Cultural programmes in the evening include theatre songs and presentation of scenes from the play *'Satya Harischandra'* at 6.30 pm.

As part of the Festival, following plays will be staged at Kalamandira at **7 pm: Feb.23 -** *'Dootaparva'* by Janadani, Mandya; **Feb.24 -** *'Sarga'* by Side Wing, Bengaluru; and **Feb.25 -** *'Galiyemba Kudureyanneri'* by Kadamba Ranga Vedike, Mysuru.



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